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AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONED WARRANT AND WARRANT OFFICERS TO COMMISSIONED RANK IN THE LINE AND STAFF CORPS OF THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

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Mr. WALSH, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6496]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6496) to authorize the appointment of commissioned warrant and warrant officers to commissioned rank in the line and staff corps of the Navy and Marine Corps, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments, and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

Amend the bill as follows:

Page 4, line 3, after the words "Marine Corps" insert the words "and Coast Guard".

The purpose of the bill is to provide a suitable promotional outlet for the commissioned warrant officers and warrant officers of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

Section 1 makes commissioned warrant and warrant officers eligible for appointment to the line or staff corps in the ranks of ensign, lieutenant (junior grade), or lieutenant. No limitation of numbers is prescribed but this is left to the discretion of the President. The authorized number of line and staff officers would be increased equal to the number appointed pursuant to this section.

Section 2 provides that on June 30 of the calendar year in which appointed a candidate must—

- (a) Have completed 3 years' service since date of warrant.
- (b) Be not more than 40 years of age for appointment as lieutenant.
- (c) Be not more than 35 years of age for appointment as lieutenant (junior grade).

(d) Be not more than 32 years of age for appointment as ensign.

This section also waives the age and service limitations for the year subsequent to the date of the approval of this act.

Section 3 (1) requires that a candidate be recommended by at least one commanding officer, (2) provides for the usual qualifying physical and professional examinations, and (3) makes ineligible for further consideration any candidate who fails twice on examination.

Section 4 provides that each officer upon appointment shall take rank after the junior officer of the same rank in the line or appropriate staff corps on the date of appointment.

Section 5 provides that (1) officers appointed to the grade of lieutenant in the line shall be carried as additional numbers in that grade but as regular numbers if subsequently promoted, and (2) appointees become eligible for selection according to their lineal position.

Section 6 authorizes the revocation of the commission of any officer appointed pursuant to this act under the same conditions as obtain in the case of original commissions in the line.

Section 7 provides (1) that after appointment all appointees shall be governed by the respective laws for the promotion and retirement of line and staff officers, and (2) that no officer shall suffer a reduction in pay and allowances as a result of his appointment pursuant to this act.

Section 8 makes the provisions of this act apply equally to the Marine Corps and Coast Guard except insofar as may be necessary to adapt the same to those services.

Section 9 contains the usual repeal provisions.

The bill will, in effect, serve as a notice to the deserving young American, who is unable to secure a congressional appointment to the United States Naval Academy or an appointment to the Coast Guard Academy, that the opportunity for a commission in the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard is open to him by means of enlisting in one of these services with the view toward making that service a career. The rank which he can attain will be limited only by his ability and desire for advancement.

The committee amended the bill so as to provide the same opportunity for advancement to commissioned rank to the commissioned warrant and warrant officers of the Coast Guard.

Amend the title so as to read:

An act to authorize the appointment of commissioned warrant and warrant officers to commissioned rank in the line and staff corps of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

